REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants have elected to prosecute Group II, Species 1, and Subspecies A (claims 19-21) with traverse. The traversal is made on the grounds that a search and examination of all of the presented claims would not require an undue burden of searching. See M.P.E.P. § 803. Applicants also expressly reserve the right under 37 C.F.R. § 1.144 to petition the Commissioner to review the requirement should a final requirement for restriction on the present grounds be made by the Examiner. Having made this election, Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the nonelected claims.

Applicants acknowledge that upon allowance of any generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of the claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141. Although the Examiner has indicated that no claims are generic, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration to designate independent claim 19 as generic to Species 1 and 2.

If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with the Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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